

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A microphone device, comprising:
 - a microphone having a microphone transducer; and
 - a recording unit for recording signals generated by the microphone transducer of the microphone;said recording unit and said microphone being rigidly connected to one another via a detachable plug connection and the signals generated by the microphone transducer being transmitted to the recording unit via the plug connection,
 - wherein the recording unit and the microphone are mechanically rigidly connected to one another in such a way that the mechanical position relative to one another remains unchanged,
 - wherein the plug connection between the recording unit and the microphone is an XLR plug connectiona housing enclosing the microphone, the recording unit and the plug connection, such that the recording unit and the plug connection is not visible.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Original) The microphone according to claim 1, wherein means for data reduction are formed in the recording unit and wherein the audio signals are recorded with a data-reduced format.
4. (Original) The microphone according to claim 1, wherein an interface is formed in the recording unit for wireless transmission of recorded audio signals.
5. (Original) The microphone according to claim 1, wherein a headphone socket is formed in the recording unit, by which the audio signal recorded by the microphone is audible.
6. (Original) The microphone according to claim 1, wherein the recording unit can be connected to a mobile telephone and has appropriate connection devices for this purpose and a mobile telephone /headset can be connected to the recording unit and/or the mobile telephone.

7. (Original) The microphone according to claim 6, wherein audio signals recorded by the recording unit are transmitted via the mobile telephone at a signal rate which is lower or higher than the recording data rate and wherein transmission to the mobile telephone can preferably already be started, while audio signals are picked up by the microphone and are recorded and stored by the recording unit.

8. (Cancelled)